



To: Robert Fitzroy/Planning/COSLO@Wings, cr_board_clerk Clerk
Recorder/ClerkRec/COSLO@Wings,
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Las Pilitas Quarry Correspondence
From: Debbie Arnold/BOS/COSLO - Monday 05/04/2015 10:01 AM
Sent by: Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO

Debbie Arnold
Supervisor, 5th District
San Luis Obispo County

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----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/04/2015 10:00 AM -----

From: Geoff Brown <Cambriabrown@att.net>
To: "darnold@co.slo.ca.us" <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 02/06/2015 06:08 AM
Subject: Las Pilitas Quarry

Morning Debbie,

I would like to let you know that I agree with the recent Planning Commission vote against the noted quarry. As a cyclist who rides and enjoys the peace and quite of our area including the frequent use of hwy. 58, I am appalled that they would even consider such an enterprise in our area. The last thing we need is more pollution, safety issues and continued destruction of our roadways and peaceful way of life in the countryside. Should that vote against the quarry be appealed to the Board of Supervisors I would certainly hope you would "vote against it"!! We can create jobs in our area by using our heads and funding our decaying infrastructure rather than creating something which would cause it to deteriorate even further.

Geoffrey E. Brown

Cambriabrown@att.net

Sent from my iPad
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From: charliejudybowden@yahoo.com
To: "darnold@co.slo.ca.us" <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 02/12/2015 01:28 PM
Subject: Quarry

Please do not ignore the residents of Santa Margarita and vote to approve the Quarry as I am sure the people who want start the quarry will appeal to the board so supervisors.
I have two major concerns:
The quarry trucks going through Santa Margarita. What they will do to our property values as well as the amount of noise and traffic they will cause. My second concern is the amount

of water they will use. As you know the town Santa Margarita is on a well system. I know the quarry owners say they will not use well water; however, if the drought continues and the state cuts them off of water well water may be their only option.

Jerry Lenthal ignored the residents of Santa Margarita when he approved the environmental study of 500 houses to be built on the Santa Margarita Ranch. After that he couldn't get elected for anything. People of this town got screwed and we know it. We have a long memory. Please do not sell us out to business interests. Thank you, Judy Bowden

Sent from my iPad

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/04/2015 10:00 AM -----

From: Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO
To: darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 02/18/2015 02:11 PM
Subject: Fw: Proposed Santa Margarita quarry

Jennifer Caffee
Legislative Assistant
5th District Supervisor Debbie Arnold
San Luis Obispo County

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 02/18/2015 02:11 PM -----

From: Linda Biber <lindabiber@rocketmail.com>
To: district5@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 02/04/2015 11:12 PM
Subject: Proposed Santa Margarita quarry

Dear Debbie:

I have been unable to attend any of the hearings concerning the proposed quarry so I'm sending these comments to you.

I lived in Santa Margarita for over seven years including five years in the Parkhill area. For the past 16 years I've lived on Hwy. 58 in Creston. I witnessed the evacuation of a large portion of Santa Margarita during the Hwy. 41 Fire. I experienced the flooding and closure of a section of Parkhill Road during the 1997-98 El Nino. And I've seen the panicked evacuations during the Parkhill fire and the fast-moving fire that started at the junction of Hwys. 229 & 58.

When an emergency occurs, Hwy. 58 is the main artery for the rural residents of Santa Margarita, Creston and even California Valley. If Hwy. 58 gets blocked or bogged down in any way it can mean you're in for a very long wait or a very long detour. When that

section of Parkhill Road
was washed out, I had to drive an additional 17 miles to get home. When a
hot shot cement truck
driver from the solar project rolled his truck between 229 & Parkhill, it
took quite a long time
to get a tow truck of appropriate size to handle the problem. So everyone
had to turn around and
take another route. When a big-rig jackknifed on the old Salinas bridge
(in the early 90's?) it
turned into a meet your neighbor event. No one went anywhere for hours.

The section of Hwy.58 near the proposed quarry does not have adequate areas
to pull over or turn
around in an emergency.

The residents of the Calf Canyon Hwy. (58) corridor were not adequately
forewarned of the immense
impact of the truck and bus traffic from the solar project. For months we
didn't sleep past 4:30 a.m.
due to the noise and headlights of vehicle after vehicle after vehicle.
And we witnessed a lot of bad
behavior with the influx of truck drivers from out of the area.

I haven't seen the staff report for the quarry proposal, but I figure that
the traffic and safety
impacts might be understated and the potential for an evacuation snafu may
not have been addressed.

Was the new bridge engineered for a constant barrage of extremely
heavy-weight vehicles?

Also, the web of massive hilltop and hillside roads that suddenly appeared
within the past month
(on what I assume to be the proposed quarry property) is disconcerting. I
really hate to see an
uglification project land on the beautiful hills of Santa Margarita.

Thank you for your time and for all the work that you do representing the
people of the 5th District.

Regards,

Linda Biber
Creston

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From: Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO
To: darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 02/18/2015 02:13 PM
Subject: Las Pilitas

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5th District Supervisor Debbie Arnold
San Luis Obispo County
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From: Board of Supervisors/BOS/COSLO
To: Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO@Wings

Date: 02/04/2015 10:30 AM
Subject: Fw: Las Pilitas Quarry
Sent by: Cytasha Campa

Not coming on the Agenda any time soon that I am aware.

----- Forwarded by Cytasha Campa/BOS/COSLO on 02/04/2015 10:30 AM -----

From: Christine Heinrichs <christine.heinrichs@gmail.com>
To: rhedges@co.slo.ca.us,
Cc: boardofsups <boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 02/04/2015 10:11 AM
Subject: Las Pilitas Quarry

To the Board:

The Las Pilitas Quarry project should not be allowed via a discretionary permit and waivers to the county's Land Use Ordinance.

This industrial project is incompatible with the rural lifestyle of the residents living nearby and San Luis Obispo County's best interests.

This project will affect all San Luis Obispo county residents in future. This is not the kind of development that is appropriate.

Residents justifiably object to the truck traffic past their homes and school. Add my name to support them and the staff recommendation to deny a permit to this project. Thank you.

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Christine Heinrichs

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 02/18/2015 02:13 PM -----

From: Board of Supervisors/BOS/COSLO
To: Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO@Wings
Date: 02/04/2015 10:31 AM
Subject: Fw: Las Pilitas Quarry Issue NEEDS YOUR VOICE
Sent by: Cytasha Campa

Please see below,

I do not know of it coming before the board soon.

----- Forwarded by Cytasha Campa/BOS/COSLO on 02/04/2015 10:30 AM -----

From: Christine Heinrichs <christine.heinrichs@gmail.com>
To: Mary <webb.mary599@gmail.com>,
Cc: boardofsups <boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 02/04/2015 10:11 AM
Subject: Re: Las Pilitas Quarry Issue NEEDS YOUR VOICE

Thank you, Mary. Done.

On Wed, Feb 4, 2015 at 9:16 AM, Mary <webb.mary599@gmail.com> wrote:
Ramona Hedges,
Planning Commission Secretary
rhedges@co.slo.ca.us

Good morning Ms. Hedges,

I am very concerned about the Las Pilitas Quarry project as it affects all of us in San Luis Obispo County.

The project should not be allowed to use a discretionary permit and waivers to our Land Use Ordinances.

This is a large scale industrial aggregate mine operation that includes blasting near residential areas, schools,

and the community park. The amount of truck traffic alone severely affects the town of Santa Margarita and SR 58.

All of San Luis Obispo County residents want our land use laws to prioritize future livability and safety of our communities,
not just profits.

The staff report is well written and strongly recommends denial of this project. Please add my name to the list of residents
who agree with staff that this project should be denied.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please distribute my email to the Planning Commissioners.

Mary Webb

cc: boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us

BACKGROUND

A simple "Please follow the Staff's recommendation and DENY this project." would be helpful.

Tamara

305-5495 or 438-4139

See Margarita Proud Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MargaritaProud>
website: <http://www.margaritaproud.com/>

Summary of Issues / Planning Commission Contact Info.

Las Pilitas Resources, Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) is seeking a discretionary permit, including waivers to the San Luis Obispo County Land Use Ordinance, to allow a large scale industrial aggregate mine and asphalt/concrete crushing facility. The EIR has identified significant impacts that are not mitigable to Traffic, Aesthetics and Noise.

The mining operation, which includes blasting, would be adjacent to residential uses on small Residential Rural zoned properties.

The project would include an average of 273 double hopper gravel truck trips daily on SR58 past residences, the elementary school, community park and through the town of Santa Margarita. This route is popular with many in SLO county and beyond who enjoy bicycling, scenic drives, visiting the Carrizo Plains National Monument or just enjoying the small town character of Santa Margarita.

This region has other existing industrial aggregate mines with large reserves sited in more appropriate locations. These existing quarry sites are surrounded only by very large Rural Lands and Ag. parcels, not Residential Rural, and they have less impactful haul routes and truck staging areas.

Decision makers need to hear from many voices in San Luis Obispo county that wise land use decisions should prioritize the future livability and safety of our communities, not the profits of just a few. If you are unable to attend, please consider sending an e-mail to the Planning Commissioners.

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Christine Heinrichs

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From: Board of Supervisors/BOS/COSLO

To: Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO@Wings
Date: 02/04/2015 01:33 PM
Subject: Contact Us
Sent by: Cytasha Campa

Jen,

Here is the contact us I had told you about that I was not sure where to route to. Please let me know if this is district specific, all districts or needs to go to a certain department. Thank you.

----- Forwarded by Cytasha Campa/BOS/COSLO on 02/04/2015 10:54 AM -----

From: jason anderson <jasondand54@hotmail.com>
To: "rhedges@co.slo.ca.us" <rhedges@co.slo.ca.us>,
Cc: "boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us" <boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 02/04/2015 10:49 AM
Subject:

Ms. Hedges

Sent from Windows Mail

As a long time resident of this County (Raised in Atascadero) I know this area well. I lived most of my high school years out at Santa Margarita Dam when Jim Harrington was the taker of the Dam . Here are my concerns about this project.

First the amount of diesel trucks that will be operating on the roads , this is going to increase the traffic on this little two way road going north and south. Second is the amount of diesel smoke that will be put into the air. I remember when there was no smog in this valley and now it's getting darker with every truck and car that comes into this area. The last issue is these LLC that are popping up every where they are only trying to rape the earth and when something happens they are not held responsible for there actions. Is this project worth the damage it will create ?. Please add my name to the list of concern residents of SLO County that say NO to this project .

Jason Anderson

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/04/2015 10:00 AM -----

From: Michael and Ruby Klatt <randm805@att.net>
To: darnold@co.slo.ca.us

Dear Ms. Arnold,

My name is Michael Klatt. I was a teacher at Santa Margarita Elementary School for 35 years.

Because of this,

I am very familiar with the crosswalk across Highway 58.

For many years now, the children have made it safely across the street with the supervision of a crossing guard.

My concerns about the safety of children crossing Highway 58 are for the times when a crossing guard is not present.

There were quite a few times over the 35 years when I drove to work when a crossing guard was not present.

Sometimes the employee had decided to quit, sometimes the district had a hard time finding a person willing to take

the part-time, split shift, low paying job, sometimes the crossing guard was sick, sometimes children came to school

early before a crossing guard was on duty, and sometimes the crossing guard had car trouble. Those would be the

morning times that would be especially dangerous for children crossing Highway 58.

I remember a few times watching the school principal work as the crossing guard because no one else was there to do the job.

With a part-time principal at Santa Margarita Elementary School, I wonder what happens when the crossing guard goes missing.

When I left school to drive home the crossing guard had usually left for home. There were, however, children crossing the street.

These children were coming and going for a variety of reasons. Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, soccer teams, basketball teams,

forgotten homework, Good News Clubs, art lessons, band, and choir are just a few of the after school activities that brought

children to the Highway 58 crosswalk when the crossing guard was not on duty.

There was even a time when I stopped on my way home because a group of children had gathered in the garden area

right next to the crosswalk to witness a fight between two boys.

Can you image what could happen in that situation with large trucks passing less than ten yards away?

I have also lived in Atascadero for 33 years. The citizens of Atascadero have always been frustrated by the lack

of a downtown area where citizens shop, eat, walk, and talk. Paso Robles has a vibrant downtown area with many

shops, restaurants, and other businesses that attract visitors. Templeton also has a comfortable downtown area with shops,

restaurants, and a beautiful nearby park. These types of environments are essential for businesses because that is what

brings customers back on a regular basis.

Santa Margarita also has a nice, comfortable, downtown type area. There are shops, restaurants, the Post Office,

and a nearby park which is often busy with community activities.

Large trucks traveling right through the heart of the community every few minutes would certainly damage or possibly

destroy this essential business friendly environment.

I hope that you will listen to the majority of people in Santa Margarita as they express their opposition to the proposed new rock quarry and vote to deny the application.

Sincerely,
Michael Klatt

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/04/2015 10:00 AM -----

From: Board of Supervisors/BOS/COSLO
To: BOS_Legislative Assistants
Date: 02/24/2015 10:11 AM
Subject: Fw: Contact Us (response #2709)
Sent by: Cytasha Campa

----- Forwarded by Cytasha Campa/BOS/COSLO on 02/24/2015 10:11 AM -----

From: "Internet Webmaster" <webmaster@co.slo.ca.us>
To: "BoardOfSups@co.slo.ca.us" <BoardOfSups@co.slo.ca.us>,
Date: 02/24/2015 09:48 AM
Subject: Contact Us (response #2709)

Contact Us (response #2709)

Survey Information

Site:County of SLO
Page Title:Contact Us
URL:<http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/bos/BOSContactUs.htm>
Submission Time/Date:2/24/2015 9:47:37 AM

Survey Response

Name:
Patricia Zimmerman

Telephone Number:

Email address:
pjzimmerman1@gmail.com

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):
Dear Madams & Sirs,

I'm writing you today to ask if you all had to chance to read The "Sunday" Tribune on 2/22/15? ... "Special Report: Santa Margarita Quarry Fight"? If ever there was an article regarding this issue, I would have to say that this one was "spot on" ...

Emotions aside, common sense says this mine in this location, is just a train wreck in the making ... True, our American values cherish our right to do what we want with our own property, however, our Judeo/Christian values supercede the all too often misused, "My property, my right" argument. When my neighbor/friend is offended by something I do, then I will stop "offending" him or her, because it is the "right" thing to do ...

(Regardless, if it's my "right" to act , say or do anything I want because, afterall
this is America & I have my rights!)

Now please, Madams & Sirs of the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, please
do the "right" thing & "veto" the Oster/Las Pilitas LLC quarry appeal for the betterment
of our neighbors/friends & the community & county as a whole ...
Thank you ...

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Zimmerman
San Luis Obispo/Santa Margarita

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/04/2015 10:00 AM -----

From: "Roy Parsons" <stovepipe1@wildblue.net>
To: "Debbie Arnold" <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 03/04/2015 11:39 AM
Subject: Proposed Quarry

Debbie: I am writing about the Las Pilitas Resources Quarry. I am not involved in any way on the quarry proposal
itself, but I am concerned about the rights of the quarry proposers . They are good people, and I believe they do not
deserve to be denied of their rights by a dedicated bunch of NIMBYS . The proposers have apparently gone through all
the hoops and done their homework. Our neighbors in Santa Margarita surely knew their community had a state highway
running through the middle of it when they moved there . Every citizen, including trucks, has a right to use that highway.
I believe the people of Santa Margarita (including you and I when we get behind one of those trucks when going to town)
can accommodate this increased usage with only minor inconveniencies . When the time comes, I hope you will vote to
support the quarry. Roy Parsons.

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/04/2015 10:00 AM -----

From: Anne Davies or Dave Sommerville <80oaks@gmail.com>
To: darnold@co.slo.ca.us, boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 04/06/2015 10:24 AM
Subject: Las Pilitas Resources Quarry

Please deny the quarry. I am a long time North County resident, have lived near the intersection of Las Pilitas and Pozo Roads for almost 15 years.

In that time I have seen the "traffic" increase substantially.

Large heavy trucks do not mix with school children, regular rural commuters and cyclists. I have witnessed many many near misses among all
of these groups. Please protect everyone with a NO on the quarry.

Anne Davies Sommerville

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/04/2015 10:00 AM -----

From: dogtick@charter.net
To: darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 04/06/2015 01:56 PM
Subject: Las Pilitas Quarry Project (DRC2009-00025)

Dear Ms. Arnold, please consider the opinions of the majority of the residents and concerned citizens who love Santa Margarita and do not allow this project to move forward. Please help me maintain the character of the town I cherish. All the best, Kevin Shaw, PO box 463, Santa Margarita.

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/04/2015 10:00 AM -----

From: <lori@totalequinefeed.com>
To: "fmecham@co.slo.ca.us" <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>, "bgibson@co.slo.ca.us" <bgibson@co.slo.ca.us>, "ahill@co.slo.ca.us" <ahill@co.slo.ca.us>, "lcompton@co.slo.ca.us" <lcompton@co.slo.ca.us>, "darnold@co.slo.ca.us" <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Cc: "letters@thetribunenews.com" <letters@thetribunenews.com>, "letters@newtimesslo.com" <letters@newtimesslo.com>, "editor@atascaderonews.com" <editor@atascaderonews.com>
Date: 04/10/2015 12:44 PM
Subject: Las Pilitas Resources

To Whom This May Concern:

RE: Las Pilitas Resources Proposal

Las Pilitas Resources is a family-owned business with three important factors to consider:

It's 1) an American-based company, 2) a California-based company, and 3) a locally based

company. Las Pilitas Resources believes in supporting its community—the company has

shown an unwavering commitment to provide jobs within Santa Margarita and give back

to our community financially. I hope our community leaders show their commitment to

support locally based businesses within our city, state, and country.

I have personally known both owners of the company for five years. Both owners both grew

up here, are residents of Santa Margarita, and have raised their families here.

They will be living

here in the midst of this project with all the other residents, and they feel a strong responsibility

to ensure their project impacts our community in a positive and financially beneficial way.

I urge Santa Margarita residents and the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors to support

the Las Pilitas Resources proposal.

Thank you,
Lori Mitchell
Santa Margarita resident and small business owner

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/04/2015 10:00 AM -----

From: Robert Lame <boblynlame@gmail.com>
To: darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 04/13/2015 08:06 PM
Subject: Las Pilitas Quarry

April 13, 2015

Ms. Debbie Arnold, Supervisor
San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors

RE: Las Pilitas Quarry

Dear Ms. Arnold:

We are very concerned about the adverse impacts that the Las Pilitas Quarry project will have to the people and the environment of Santa Margarita and rural area along Highway 58. Our property is on Parkhill Road.

Our major concern is the danger due to increased heavy truck traffic on Highway 58. As we travel this two-lane road, it has become apparent to us that besides the normal work commuters and school busses traveling on a daily basis, there are many tourists that come through Highway 58 and are unaware of the twists and turns. Just yesterday I observed at least 30 bicyclists along with support vehicles trying to navigate this road. These tourists would also be unaware of the very large trucks entering and exiting the blind entrance from the quarry onto Highway 58 at slow speeds.

Not only is it very dangerous, but the slow down to traffic would cause a terrible problem, with accidents and injuries just waiting to happen. Another horrific traffic concern is the many dirty, dusty, noisy trucks going past Santa Margarita Elementary School and the Park. Who would want to expose their child to the extra dust and noise pollution. These elements are very detrimental to little children, especially those with asthma and allergies.

Because there is no shortage of aggregate for San Luis Obispo County, there is no need for another large quarry. Just because there is aggregate available in this site, does not make it necessary to open this quarry, especially in such an unsuitable area.

It is known that quarries use a lot of water. We are into a four-year drought situation. We already have to haul water as do others on Parkhill Road. We do not know if this drought is going to continue. The supply of water from the Salinas River is not sufficient to sustain such an intensive use and would possibly affect all other residents in the area.

Therefore, we strongly urge the San Luis Obispo County Supervisors to oppose this quarry project. Thank you for hearing our plea.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Lame
Lynette A. Lame

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/04/2015 10:00 AM -----

From: "Roy Parsons" <stovepipe1@wildblue.net>
To: <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 04/16/2015 08:09 PM
Subject: The Quarry

Debbie: I want you to know that I support the Las Pilitas Resources request to proceed with the rock quarry. I hope you will vote in favor. Roy Parsons

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/04/2015 10:00 AM -----

From: "Jim Philson" <jphilson@wtllc.com>
To: <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>, <bgibson@co.slo.ca.us>, <ahill@co.slo.ca.us>, <lcompton@co.slo.ca.us>, <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 04/20/2015 05:41 PM
Subject: Support Las Pilitas

SLO County Supervisors,

I am writing to you in support of the Las Pilitas Resources proposal.

As a strong supporter of this project, I see no issues in approving a needed source of aggregate materials for the benefit of all those living and working in SLO County. The site is zoned for mining, identified as a place of "Regional Significance" for mineral extraction by the State of California, and is in an excellent location, right off a state highway that joins 101, the central corridor through San Luis Obispo County.

Age-old tactics by naysayers: added traffic, noise and a drain on water resources, are all unfounded. An existing quarry outside Santa Margarita produces more traffic than the Las Pilitas Resources proposal will. The noise from a split-second blast is already engrained in neighbors who live near to the quarry next door, which has been around for a

hundred years. The Salinas River, running alongside the quarry site, will allow it to use river water, protecting the underground aquifers and neighbors' wells.

It's easy to pick apart the half-truths by NIMBY's that'll oppose anything in their backyards. It's hard to deny the need for additional aggregate resources our county needs to sustain ourselves in the future.

I respectfully ask you to consider voting "yes" on the Las Pilitas Resources proposal.

Sincerely,

Jim Philson
SLO County Resident

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/04/2015 10:00 AM -----

From: Randall Tognazzini <randalltognazzini@msn.com>
To: <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>, <bgibson@co.slo.ca.us>, <ahill@co.slo.ca.us>, <lcompton@co.slo.ca.us>, <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 04/20/2015 07:37 PM
Subject: Support Las Pilitas

Board of Supervisors:

Attached is my letter in support of the Las Pilitas project that comes before you on May 12.

Randy

Randall Tognazzini



Las Pilitas Supervisors Letter.pdf

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/04/2015 10:00 AM -----

From: ahseastrand@aol.com
To: darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Cc: ahseastrand@aol.com
Date: 04/22/2015 10:58 PM
Subject: Support for Las Pilitas Resources Quarry

Dear Supervisor Arnold,
Please support the Las Pilitas Resources proposal when this issue comes before the Board of Supervisors on May 12.
The quarry project is a needed addition to our county where locally

available aggregate resources are expected to be depleted by 2026. This site has been zoned for mining and has been designated by the State of California as an area of Regional Significance for mineral extraction.

For all these reasons, I ask for your support!

Respectfully,
Andrea Seastrand

Andrea Seastrand

ahseastrand@aol.com

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Caffee/BOS/COSLO on 05/04/2015 10:00 AM -----

From: Blue Lion <2bluelion@gmail.com>
To: darnold@co.slo.ca.us
Date: 04/23/2015 08:19 AM
Subject: Quarry Appeal

Dear Ms. Arnold,

We are writing to express our concerns about the upcoming Las Pilitas LLC's appeal of the SLO County Planning Commission's denial of the quarry project. We strongly oppose this project on several grounds and would appreciate your consideration of the following:

-in spite of the Las Pilitas LLC's assertion that the site is zone for mining, according to every planning zone map we have seen this area is actually zoned rural residential. While this does not exclude mining operations, it does indicate that this area may not be, and in fact IS NOT suitable for mining activity on the scale proposed by this project. As I am sure you are aware, there are numerous residences located less than ¼ mile from the site.

-Highway 58 is in no way suitable for the ongoing trucking traffic generated by quarry operations. It is, as you know, a two lane rural road with sections that do not have a reliable shoulder. The heavy truck traffic will cause this road to deteriorate rapidly and it will be we, the taxpayers who have to pay for Cal Trans to repair the surface.

Highway 58 is a favored route for bicyclists; we see numerous riders every single day. There is absolutely no room for trucks and bicyclists on most of the highway between the quarry and town and this is a major concern for both the drivers and the cyclists. Current law requires drivers to allow three feet between the vehicle and a cyclist—to do so on this stretch of the road would require the trucks to cross over the double yellow line into oncoming traffic.

The truck route goes through the residential and elementary school area of Santa Margarita, and then directly down the main street. To ignore the impact this will have on the small town character of Santa Margarita is incomprehensible.

-the amount of water that will be needed for quarry operations is of major

and significant concern to residents of this county who rely on the Salinas River and its aquifer for water supplies. I know you are well aware of the water issues facing your district especially in this drought cycle, and this could easily become an additional threat to water supplies for an even broader expanse of SLO county. There is no amelioration for the water usage required by a quarry operation. Based on the proximity to the Hansen Quarry and the Rocky Canyon Quarry it seems evident that the Salinas River will be severely impacted by this additional draw.

There are members of the public who wish to make this an issue of private property rights. While we are strong supporters of private property rights we are mindful that there can be activities upon one's property which do not stop at the fence line and thus are inappropriate. The impact of the quarry will negatively affect a large section of the Santa Margarita community. The impact of the mining and trucking operations that will occur on this private property do not stop at that property line and that must be taken into consideration.

We respectfully request that you deny the Las Pilitas LLC appeal to overturn the SLO County Planning Commissions permit denial.

Thank you for your time.

Robert and Janita Baker
Santa Margarita, CA

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From: Diane Tate <dtate-dulc@msn.com>
To: "darnold@co.slo.ca.us" <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 04/25/2015 10:31 AM
Subject: Las Pilitas, LLC

Las Pilitas, LLC

4-25-2015

Debbie Arnold

San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors

Dear Ms. Arnold,

This letter comes to you regarding the upcoming Las Pilitas LLC's appeal of the recent denial by the SLO County Planning Commission of Las Piitas's intended quarry project.

I very strongly oppose this project. There are many reasons to oppose it and disregarding these reasons

despite the evaluation by the Planning Commission is incomprehensible. Here are my primary reasons for this opposition.

1. The scale of this mine is not suitable for the zoning of this residential area (zoned as rural residential) where some

residences are less than a 1/4 mile away.

2. Highway 58 is a narrow and inappropriate road for the quantity and tonnage of truck traffic that will be using it for this quarry.

It goes through residential areas, an elementary school area, a railroad crossing while it is used by drivers, cyclists, hikers and passes directly through the main street of downtown Santa Margarita. It is a major safety issue. This amount of heavy truck traffic will be a cause of road damage on a road that already has hardly any shoulder area. And it will be the taxpayers of this community that will have to pay for the repairs.

3. In this time of a major drought where water levels continue to fall and rainfall is rare, the use of water by the quarry is an additional threat to the already low levels. The Salinas River has been indicated as a major source for this quarry which will use up significant amounts of water. This only makes the seriousness of the County's water shortage even worse. Many of us already have problems due to low water levels and this will only make things worse. Why would we, at this time when the entire State of California is being asked to cut back on water usage, consider to put an additional burden on this already precarious water issue?

There are several other concerns but these 3 issues alone will significantly affect the whole nature of the town and area of Santa Margarita.

Please consider the residents of this area and our concerns. Because of this, I respectfully submit these are reasons enough to deny the Las Palitis LLC Quarry their appeal and request that you not overturn the SLO County Planning Commission's recommendations.

Thank you,

Diane M. Tate
Santa Margarita, CA

Diane

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To: BOS_Legislative Assistants
Date: 04/27/2015 01:39 PM
Subject: Fw: Contact Us (response #2783)
Sent by: Cytasha Campa

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To: "BoardOfSups@co.slo.ca.us" <BoardOfSups@co.slo.ca.us>,
Date: 04/27/2015 12:19 PM
Subject: Contact Us (response #2783)

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Survey Response

Name:

Steve Williams

Telephone Number:

Email address:

steverw3@gmail.com

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):

I would like all of the Supervisors to know that this is not a project that is beneficial or required.

There is not a need for the aggregate and the benefits are not sufficient to override the Planning Commission and Planning Staffs denial.

This project benefits a few individuals at the expense of many people. It will also put many people who walk, bike and drive the proposed route in jeopardy, due to the inability of Highway 58, to handle trucks on a road without shoulders. The truck route goes through town by a school, a park and takes a 90 degree turn out onto twisty and hilly Highway 58.

If you have the time take a drive on the proposed haul route, and imagine numerous trucks, navigating the road along with other cars as well as walkers, cyclists and other passenger vehicles.

I urge you to follow the direction of the Planning Department Staff and The Planning Commission decisions to Deny this project.

Thanks

Steve Williams

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Sent by: Cytasha Campa

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From: Ryan Alaniz <dr.ryan.alaniz@gmail.com>
To: boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us,
Date: 04/06/2015 10:30 AM
Subject: Oster/Las Pilitas Quarry Please DENY Appeal

Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a resident living on Parkhill road in Santa Margarita and who commutes to Cal Poly for work, I am extremely concerned about the

Oster/Las Pilitas Quarry expansion. I have read the relevant material as well as citizen comments about the project and agree with both

the SLO planning staff and the planning commission that the quarry would have almost no positive impact for the community and extremely detrimental impact to the environment, the culture, the community, and significant danger to those living along highway 58 and in Santa Margarita proper.

If you would like evidence of the potential danger, please stand on the side of the very narrow highway 58 as one of the massive trucks with tonnage of rock pass alongside or watch the crosswalk at school's end as Santa Margarita elementary schoolchildren try to cross to the playground and imagine these trucks trying to stop in time.

According to the CDC, "**Motor vehicle injuries are a leading cause of death among children in the United States.**"¹

But many of these deaths can be prevented."

http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/child_passenger_safety/cps-factsheet.html

In part, they can be prevented by not putting children in harm's way through poor choices around urban planning.

Please side with the people you represent and who voted you into office and **DENY the Oster/Las Pilitas Quarry Appeal.**

Thank you for your time,

Dr. Ryan Alaniz

Ph.D., Sociology

Personal Website: www.cla.calpoly.edu/~ralaniz

Assistant Professor, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

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Subject: Fw: Las Pilitas Resources Quarry
Sent by: Cytasha Campa

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From: Anne Davies or Dave Sommerville <80oaks@gmail.com>
To: darnold@co.slo.ca.us, boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us,
Date: 04/06/2015 10:24 AM
Subject: Las Pilitas Resources Quarry

Please deny the quarry. I am a long time North County resident, have lived near the intersection of Las Pilitas

and Pozo Roads
for almost 15 years. In that time I have seen the "traffic" increase substantially.
Large heavy trucks do not mix with school children, regular rural commuters and cyclists. I have witnessed many many near misses among all of these groups. Please protect everyone with a NO on the quarry.
Anne Davies Sommerville

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Date: 04/27/2015 12:34 PM
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Survey Response

Name:
Barbara E. Bolton

Telephone Number:

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imn2flwrs@yahoo.com

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):
To my Board of Supervisors:
I live at 22110 I Street in Santa Margarita, CA. I would like my voice heard regarding the Las Pilitas Gravel Pit issue. I realize The Board has recommended twice that this project be denied, which I agree with. The owners of this project are now appealing your decision. I would like you to know that I am very concerned with this project for several reasons. First, the additional truck traffic on Hwy 58 and on El Camino Real, going right through the hamlet of Santa Margarita. This additional truck traffic will greatly affect the quality of life for those of us living here. Secondly, the damage done to the roads by all this traffic should also be considered. The elementary school is also directly affected

by this additional traffic on Hwy 58 at H Street. Thirdly, public safety, especially these young students and people crossing Hwy 58 to the Community Park, are of great concern to me as well. I know the argument is that there is already truck traffic on El Camino, but this additional truck traffic will be excessive and way out of proportion of what our small town can manage. Please stick with your recommendations to deny this project when it again comes before you. Thank you! Barbara Bolton

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Sent by: Cytasha Campa

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To: "BoardOfSups@co.slo.ca.us" <BoardOfSups@co.slo.ca.us>,
Date: 04/27/2015 04:02 PM
Subject: Contact Us (response #2785)

Contact Us (response #2785)

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Survey Response

Name:
Laura Furtek

Telephone Number:

Email address:

Comments or questions (8,192 characters max):
To the SLO county board of supervisors:

I respectfully am writing to express my opposition to the proposed gravel quarry project in Santa Margarita. As a citizen of the county for over twenty five years, having moved to San Luis Obispo from Orange County in 1989; I can attest to the negative consequences of over-development and the impacts that this would have on the local environment, wildlife, and safety of the residents. The estimated production of granite certainly exceeds the capacity of the roads in the surrounding area. I lived in a town that had a rock quarry and it was an eyesore, and a contributor to unhealthy air quality in the areas adjacent to the quarry. As stewards of the county's well being, I feel strongly that it is your

responsibility
to deny the approval of this project.
There must also be a consideration of how much water use this project would
require,
and seems inappropriate given the state of our local aquifers.
Please consider how this will negatively impact the quality of life for
those near
and far from the proposed site of this rock quarry.
Sincerely,
Laura Furtek

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From: Fred Sager <Fred@hoganins.com>
To: "darnold@co.slo.ca.us" <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 04/28/2015 04:36 PM
Subject: Support of the Las Pilitas Project

Dear Chair Debbie Arnold,

I'm in complete support of the Las Pilitas Project and its local partners.

This potential locally owned and operated project is a designated vital resource to SLO County's
future,
and would help control its own well-being and costs.
Allowing this operation would certainly provide additional needed resources and would definitely
help
keep the costs down of aggregate (for taxpayers and businesses alike) similar to having a third
market
(for consumers) to choose from.

As a property owner, taxpayer, voter, and a father of five - I hope you too agree and will vote
accordingly.

Thus, I urge your approval and support of this important project.

Sincerely,

Fred Sager

Fred@hoganins.com

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From: Board of Supervisors/BOS/COSLO
To: BOS_Legislative Assistants
Date: 04/30/2015 08:58 AM
Subject: Fw: Santa Margarita Las Pilitas Resources, LLC proposal for a industrial mine
Sent by: Cytasha Campa

----- Forwarded by Cytasha Campa/BOS/COSLO on 04/30/2015 08:58 AM -----

From: Gallagher Jill <jill@visitSantaMargarita.com>
To: boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us,

Cc: Gallagher Jill <jill@visitsantamargarita.com>
Date: 04/29/2015 05:45 PM
Subject: Santa Margarita Las Pilitas Resources, LLC proposal for a industrial mine

Dear SLO Board of Supervisors,
I believe a person can own as much land as their dollars can buy. I believe a person can do whatever that property is zoned for.
I believe another person can not tell that person how to live and work their land. I believe when what one does on their land moves out onto the open public roads - now it effects me. I believe I have a right to have a say how that will effect me. Mine all the rock that is allowed on your property - just don't bring it out on these old narrow roads that were not made for these trucks of today's world.
That is where our rights cross. The Planning Commission said NO to this project. The Planning Commission said they can not control this State Hwy 58 to make sure the road is safe for all traveling on it. There is no reason to go past that statement. The answer is NO!
SLO Board of Supervisors - you have an easy decision. No on this project.
Thank you for your time and your service,
Jill Gallagher
PO Box 20
Santa Margarita
since 1983

Jill Gallagher
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To: <fmecham@co.slo.ca.us>, <bgibson@co.slo.ca.us>, <ahill@co.slo.ca.us>, <lcompton@co.slo.ca.us>, <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 04/30/2015 11:55 AM
Subject: Support Las Pilitas (corrected letter)

In my letter of April 29, 2015, I mis-designated Santa Barbara Road as Santa Rosa Road. This letter corrects that error.

I regret the inconvenience.

Dave Snyder

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Date: 04/30/2015 11:55 AM
Subject: Support Las Pilitas

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From: Robert Dickey <bobdickeyjr@yahoo.com>
To: "darnold@co.slo.ca.us" <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 04/30/2015 11:56 AM
Subject: Support Las Pilitas

April 20, 2015

Members of the Board of Supervisors,

As a supporter of the plan to open the Las Pilitas Quarry in Santa Margarita, I ask that you approve this project for the greater good of San Luis Obispo County. This proposal will provide a needed source of aggregate materials, create local jobs and most importantly, provide a boost to the local economy.

A report by the State Geologist projects that currently-permitted aggregate reserves are projected to run out by 2026 without expanding existing mines and permitting new ones to meet the growing aggregate needs for infrastructure projects, road repairs and commercial and residential construction.

As our economy bounces back, construction projects and infrastructure investments will only grow, but the materials needed for these projects will increasingly come from areas outside the county.

With the Las Pilitas Quarry, we have an opportunity to embrace the "Go Local" attitude. Supporting local businesses, local jobs and the added benefit of dollars that are recirculated right here at home, instead of sending those dollars to enterprises that will not reinvest a dime in San Luis Obispo County.

We need the aggregate. We need to embrace local jobs and businesses. We need the added economic benefit. We need the Las Pilitas Resources Quarry.

Please, vote to approve the Las Pilitas Resources project.

Sincerely,

Bob Dickey Jr.
San Luis Obispo

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From: Pat Hummel <pathummel@cox.net>
To: "darnold@co.slo.ca.us" <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Date: 05/02/2015 10:09 PM
Subject: Quarry

We have been property owners in the area for over 25 years and are strongly opposed to the quarry on Route 58.

Tony and Pat Hummel

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From: "Brian J. Hupp" <brian@huppbrian.us>
To: <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Cc: <sue@huppbrian.us>
Date: 05/03/2015 08:12 PM
Subject: Proposed Quarry Near Our New Home

Hello Ms Arnold,

My name is Brian Hupp. My wife, Sue, and I recently purchased a property outside Santa Margarita just east of the Salinas River at 6355/6363 Parkhill Rd. Imagine our consternation when we learned after moving in about the proposed granite quarry just across CA Highway 58 only about a mile from our new home. Of course we were devastated to learn of this project only after the purchase transaction closed. We are deeply concerned about this project

for a number of reasons...

1) We bought this property because it was quiet and peaceful, well away from the bustle and noise of the city. We keep animals (goats and chickens) for food on our new property - something we were not allowed to do at our previous residence in Paso Robles.

We are worried about the noise and dust this project will certainly produce. This will most certainly negatively impact the value of our property, and make it very difficult to sell at any price once my wife and I reach an age where we can no longer work the property ourselves. Indeed, had we known about this project, we would not have considered buying this property at all.

2) We are concerned about the proposed increase in truck traffic passing between the proposed quarry site and US 101 along CA Highway 58 through the town of Santa Margarita. My daily commute to my job at Camp Roberts takes me along this route.

Not only will the increased truck traffic certainly increase my driving time, it will increase the traffic risks for everyone along this winding, narrow road. Furthermore, the Highway 58 road surface, and its bridge across the Salinas will suffer a great deal of wear and tear requiring it to be replaced much sooner than originally designed, and causing damage which will make it dangerous to use. The burden for the additional road repairs which will be needed along this route will be borne by you, our neighbors, and us - the taxpayers of this state and county, not by the mine owners and operators. This is patently unfair.

3) Most of all, we are deeply distressed about the potential impact this project will have on our well. Our family relies on our well water to live. One of the reasons we bought the property was the excellent report on the well - its relatively shallow depth, its flow rate, and its recharge rate. This makes our property unusual along Parkhill Rd. Our neighbors' well across the road ran dry about a year and a half ago, as did the well of our neighbor two doors down toward the proposed site of the quarry. The ongoing drought has already stretched the ability of the local aquifer and the Salinas River to provide the water needs of the residents and their animals. Many of our neighbors up and down Parkhill Rd. must already have their water trucked in, and pay a lot of money just to have the water they need to live. For our part, we do our utmost to conserve our water, knowing that our reliable well is a true blessing from the Lord. The quarry project will add increased demand on our limited and precious water. Although the proposal for the quarry understandably downplays the severity of its impact on the water, the quarry certainly can't help the critical water situation. Beginning a new operation that places a new demand for water on this fragile, highly-stressed system is certainly unwise at the present time, and for the foreseeable future.

Thank you for your time and attention to our concerns about this project. We're hoping to be able

to attend the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting during which the appeal for the project will be heard. We look forward to voicing our concerns about the project in person at that time.

Love in Jesus' Name,
bj (;~)}}}
Faith is taking the first step,
even when you don't see
the whole staircase.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Subject: Fw: Santa Margarita Quarry
Sent by: Cytasha Campa

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From: "Gerald Serra" <gfserra@generaltech.com>
To: <boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us>,
Date: 05/03/2015 02:27 PM
Subject: Santa Margarita Quarry

My wife and I have been residents of Creston since early 1980. We strongly support the Planning Board's denial of the proposed Santa Margarita Quarry Project. We are in hope that this denial will not be overturned. We feel that this project would be disastrous to the community.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Gerald and Eileen Serra

Randall Tognazzini

April 19, 2015

Board of Supervisors:

Mrs. Debbie Arnold - Chair
Mrs. Lynn Compton - Vice Chair
Mr. Adam Hill
Mr. Frank Mecham
Mr. Bruce Gibson

RE: Las Pilitas Resources, LLC

Dear Chairperson Arnold and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

On May 12, 2015 you will have before you a decision on Las Pilitas Resources, LLC. I am strongly in favor of the completion of an additional quarry in the vicinity of Santa Margarita.

I have listened to most all of the discussions concerning this matter and I read the EIR that was done on this project. Questioned concerns have been addressed by Las Pilitas and they have mitigated them. Therefore I have not found a reason for these gentlemen to not go forward with their plan. I do believe we need an additional quarry in our area. Hauling this commodity from distances is not practical.

Santa Margarita is a special little town. Truck traffic is really a minor issue as the Southern Pacific Railroad runs right through town. It is noisy, can't stop at a moment's notice and there is no immediate revenue to Santa Margarita. Las Pilitas offers a great addition. The charm of Santa Margarita will not be changed by the addition of a Natural Resource quarry.

It is now time to make a positive decision for Las Pilitas Resources so they can get on with the investment they have made and will continue to make in being a part of our community.

There will be a benefit to the county by having this Natural Resource of quarry material available. This resource reduces carbon emissions and air pollution mandated by Government. I personally am not involved in any construction or receive any benefit from Las Pilitas. I do know the need for small business that invests in our county tax base and puts employees to work in our area.

I thank you for your decision in the affirmative on this matter.

Regards,


Randall Tognazzini

Home/Office Number

Mobile Number

DAVE SNYDER

e-mail: daveandmarlys@charter.net

April 29, 2015

San Luis Obispo County Supervisors: Arnold, Compton, Gibson, Hill, Mecham:

I urge your **yes** vote on the **Las Pilitas Resources LLC**, Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan.

From an economic standpoint: 1- a recent news article describes how regulations and fees are driving up the cost of housing. San Luis Obispo County housing is already prohibitively expensive for both low and moderate-income renters and home buyers and approval of the appeal for the Plan will help mitigate future increases in housing costs; 2-, another quarry will introduce additional competition to help hold the line on prices for locally quarried products; and 3- the property and other taxes and the revenues and wages as well as operating expense funding generated by the quarry operation will stay in San Luis Obispo County.

On the issue of truck traffic, I have lived in the Santa Margarita area for nearly forty years, including one year in Santa Margarita itself. My property is within three miles of the Hanson Quarry and occasionally I will hear the "whump" of blasting and other quarry related sounds. There is also some noise as the gravel trucks accelerate on El Camino Real. I drive El Camino Real regularly and observe no convoys of trucks hauling gravel, ready-mix, or asphalt, although, infrequently, there may be two or three in tandem. The highest level of quarry traffic congestion occurs on Santa Barbara Road in Atascadero between El Camino and the freeway as loaded trucks from Hanson and Rocky Canyon quarries merge to access the freeway. I opine that the truck traffic from the two quarries on this stretch of road is heavier than that which may come about on Highway 58 in Santa Margarita. I am not aware of any concerns being expressed from those living in the Dove Creek area.

Nevertheless, there will be an increase in truck traffic through Santa Margarita as a consequence of the new quarry. However, the truck loading process imposes an interval between the trucks that will lessen the possibility of truck convoys. The quarry will be able to load only two trucks at a time: one with small material at 3 minutes per truck and a second for Rip Rap and other large material, taking 15 minutes each truck. Consequently, most trucks will be spaced at least three minutes apart as they exit the quarry and travel towards US 101.

Frankly, I daresay that the trains which now pass through Santa Margarita create more noise and traffic congestion than will result from the proposed quarry traffic.

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Dave Snyder

DAVE SNYDER

e-mail: daveandmarlys@charter.net

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